(d) whether there is any plan to divert Brahmaputra river through our country avoiding river route *via* Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 2.00 Cr. has been allocated for river conservancy works on National Waterway No. 2 during 2001-02.

(c) For other infrastructural facility such as procurement of dredgers, survey vessels etc. and for provision of night navigational aids, terminal etc. an amount of Rs. 8.00 Cr. has been allocated for 2001-02.

(d) No, Sir.

De-notification of port limits of Salaya Minor Port

2233. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat had de-notified port limits of Salaya Minor Port and transferred the same to Kandla Port only for import of crude for IOC refineries;

(b) if so, whether permission has been granted by Kandla Port Trust to put up a SBM in Kandla Port limit (in Vadinar area) for crude import for Essar Refinery;

(c) whether Government are considering to transfer revenue that may be generated through SBM for Essar Refinery to Government of Gujarat; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Government of Gujarat had de-notified Vadinar portion from limits of Salaya Minor Port and by another notification issued by the Government of India on the same day, the de-notified Vadinar area was included in the limits of Kandla Port. The de-notification by Government of Gujarat did not limit use for import of crude for IOC refinery.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Vadinar area is part of Kandla Major Port and revenues earned by major ports are not shared with State Governments. Therefore, Government of Gujarat is not entitled to receive any revenue generated through SBM for Essar Refinery.

Proposal to expand the services of SCI

2234. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India has a proposal to expand its services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present services extended by SCI have been found ineffective;

(d) if so, the steps taken by SCI to improve its services ; and

(e) the profits/losses suffered by SCI in the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has a proposal to expand its services.

(b) SCI is planning to enter into coastal feeder operations and is also planning to upgrade its existing container service being offered in the India/UK Continent Sector.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Details of the profit after tax during the last three years are given below:

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1998-99	201.33
1999-2000	161.61
2000-2001	382.56